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25X1 2. Wage rates have in general been kept at the level set immediately after
25X1 the German collapse in 1945. A number of significant departures from the
25X1 general rule must, however, be noted. Women's wages, for instance, which
25X1 were originally set at amounts ten to twenty percent below those for men
25X1 doing the same work, have, since the middle of 1946, been raised to an
25X1 equal level.

3. The wages of miners in the Lausitz district and in the anthracite fields
of Saxony were also raised twenty to thirty percent above the levels pre-
vailing in May 1945. The miners received another pay increase at the be-
ginning of 1947, when the piecework system was dropped in favor of a
standard wage.

4. Since the middle of 1946 top-level employees such as plant managers, com-
mercial executives, construction experts, factory engineers and a few out-
standing master craftsmen have received increased compensation. This is
particularly the case in plants which either have been confiscated by the
Russians or which are at present exclusively engaged in filling contracts
for the Soviet Union. In Saxony the top employees of such plants usually
receive twice as high a salary as is earned by persons working in factories
which are unrelated to the Soviet economy. The favored employees also get
food packages in addition to their salaries.

5. In Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern the higher employees who work
for the Russians are similarly rewarded, earning tax-free salaries of
1,000 to 2,000 RM per month. Owing to the huge taxes and pension de-
ductions, etc., prevailing in Germany, these incomes are equal to the
net sums remaining in the hands of persons earning a gross salary two-
and-one-half to three times the sum received by their fellows in Soviet-
controlled firms.

6. In a few industries — shipyards, for instance — the Soviet control
authorities set production goals and overtime bonuses. Whenever these
are exceeded, certain categories of overseers and executives receive
monetary rewards. These tax-free prizes can amount to as much as 10,000

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R\$ per month. In addition to these cash awards, foodstuffs are also distributed in the shape of so-called "Stalin packages" containing meat, lard, staples, and tobacco. Here the highest-ranking employees and executives get the largest packages.

7. In general, ordinary public officials and civil servants get the same salaries they received before May 1945. The higher public officials, however, (Communists, for the most part) often receive two to three times the base pay set for their ranks in 1945. They also receive handsome subsidies in the form of food packages.

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